



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 1 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 233 million eggs in incubators during the week ending July 20, 2019, up 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 82.8 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Down Slightly

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 185 million chicks for meat production during the week ending July 20, 2019, down slightly from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 5, 2019 through July 20, 2019 for the United States were 5.40 billion. Cumulative placements were up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2019

State	Week ending					
	June 15, 2019	June 22, 2019	June 29, 2019	July 6, 2019	July 13, 2019	July 20, 2019
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	30,982	31,483	31,191	31,149	31,044	31,432
Arkansas	24,272	24,035	24,587	25,036	24,801	24,739
Delaware	5,245	4,965	5,085	5,058	5,077	5,101
Florida	1,178	1,163	1,163	1,163	1,163	1,178
Georgia	35,306	35,465	34,464	35,363	35,343	35,459
Kentucky	7,712	7,879	7,944	7,545	7,831	7,756
Louisiana	3,646	3,848	3,364	3,682	3,712	3,727
Maryland	7,791	8,177	7,637	7,659	7,978	8,127
Mississippi	18,457	18,647	18,374	18,705	18,263	18,276
Missouri	8,552	8,227	8,628	8,485	8,297	8,631
North Carolina	23,108	24,237	23,341	23,308	23,262	23,770
Oklahoma	7,327	7,395	7,647	7,698	7,513	7,648
Pennsylvania	5,573	5,683	5,189	5,671	5,464	5,630
South Carolina	5,756	5,833	5,703	5,892	5,794	5,645
Texas	17,111	17,654	17,222	17,645	17,548	17,338
Virginia	6,423	6,416	6,425	6,274	6,423	6,425
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,241	12,020	12,359	12,272	12,640	12,657
Other States	9,624	9,889	8,856	9,801	9,644	9,362
United States	230,304	233,016	229,179	232,406	231,797	232,901
Percent of previous year	100	101	100	101	101	101

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – Selected States and United States: 2019

State	Week ending					
	June 15, 2019	June 22, 2019	June 29, 2019	July 6, 2019	July 13, 2019	July 20, 2019
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	22,667	22,075	23,595	22,988	23,418	22,803
Arkansas	23,340	24,035	22,791	20,092	21,709	21,722
Delaware	4,730	5,325	5,496	4,593	4,141	4,372
Florida	1,341	1,314	1,294	1,300	1,168	1,289
Georgia	27,423	28,826	27,828	28,010	27,998	26,860
Kentucky	6,419	5,933	6,204	6,496	5,711	6,067
Louisiana	3,332	3,299	3,333	3,254	3,400	2,955
Maryland	6,834	5,529	5,128	6,223	6,589	5,827
Mississippi	16,148	16,090	16,159	15,756	15,842	15,728
Missouri	6,291	5,697	6,586	6,340	5,778	5,717
North Carolina	19,586	20,182	20,326	18,658	19,765	19,049
Oklahoma	3,802	3,770	4,231	6,259	4,313	5,670
Pennsylvania	3,955	4,213	3,873	4,115	4,164	3,774
South Carolina	6,522	4,985	5,047	4,897	5,059	5,543
Texas	13,944	14,433	14,176	14,115	14,515	14,039
Virginia	5,292	5,920	5,709	5,780	5,667	6,161
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	10,560	11,234	10,572	10,854	11,285	10,980
Other States	7,402	7,522	7,354	7,524	7,833	6,816
United States	189,588	190,382	189,702	187,254	188,355	185,372
Percent of previous year	101	101	101	100	101	100

Statistical Methodology

Survey Procedures: Data for broiler hatchery estimates are collected weekly from all broiler-type hatcheries that hatch at least one million chicks a year. Individual NASS regional field offices maintain a list of all known hatcheries and update their lists on a continual basis. All hatcheries that meet the minimum size criteria are given adequate time to respond to the weekly survey. Those that do not respond are contacted by telephone. The weekly United States total for chicks placed includes states receiving greater than 500,000 chicks annually for grow-out.

Estimating Procedures: All data are analyzed for unusual values. Data from each operation are compared to their own past operating profile and to trends from similar operations. Data for missing operations are estimated based on similar operations or historical data. NASS regional field offices prepare these estimates by using a combination of survey indications and historic trends. Individual State estimates are reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board for reasonableness.

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